

Rail Safety Precautions

- ◆ If the gates are down – the road is closed. Stop and wait until the gates go up and the red lights stop flashing
- ◆ Racing a train to a highway intersection is a very dangerous thing to do
- ◆ Both freight and passenger trains do not always travel at a predictable schedule
- ◆ Expect a train at any time at any place
- ◆ Don't get in the way of a speeding train
- ◆ Beware of the optical illusion – you cannot accurately judge a train's speed or distance
- ◆ Before crossing, look and listen carefully for another train on another track, coming from any direction

Train Safety Tips for Kids



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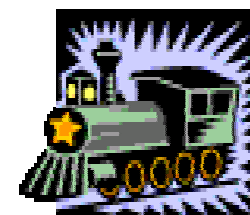
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A Message from
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Plymouth County is currently experiencing the revitalization of our rail system. Commuter rail stations are conveniently located in many of our towns, making train travel around our state very easy.

Unfortunately, this convenience brings many dangerous public safety hazards that we must always be aware of. For the safety and protection of our children, I have developed this brochure to help educate them on train safety.

I encourage you to sit down with your children and read this brochure. It is important that they understand the dangers associated with trains, and the importance of staying off the tracks.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Cruz
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Safety Tips

1. **Stand back from the tracks**
2. **Throwing rocks or placing objects on the track is dangerous and against the law**
3. **Stereo headphones should not be worn near railroad tracks**
4. **NEVER walk on the tracks**
5. **Cross only at designated railroad crossings**
6. **Stop when lights are flashing**

The average freight train traveling at 55 mph could take a mile and a half to stop once the brakes are applied.

Warnings that a Train is approaching



- * Advance warning signals
- * Pavement markings
- * Crossbuck signs
- * Flashing red lights
- * Gates
- * Train's whistle



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